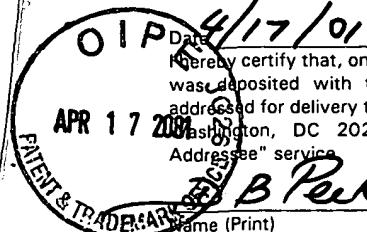


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In re Application of: James R. GROSS; Brian E. BOEHMER;
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Serial No.: 09/774,248

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Filed: January 30, 2001

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1. Declaration and power of attorney
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3. Drawings, sheets (Figs.)
4. Assignment for recording to: BKI HOLDING CORPORATION
5. Applicant claims small entity status.
PARTIAL REFUND of all fees paid within last 2 months is REQUESTED.
6. A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country: U.S.A.
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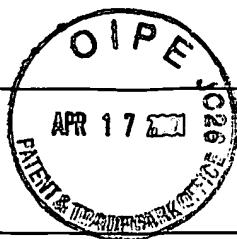
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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims	43 - 20	- 0 = 22	22 x \$18.00	\$414.00 \$396.00
Independent Claims	8 - 3	- 0 = 5	5 x \$80.00	\$400.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		- if so, add	\$270.00	\$270.00
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1084.
 - \$414 for 23 total claims over 20.
 - \$400 for 5 independent claims over 3 .
 - \$270 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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